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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: WORLD AIRWAYS CHARTER FLIGHT

- 1. WORLD AIRWAYS, US SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINE, HAS CONTRACTED IN KOREA TO FLY DC-8 (AIRCRAFT 806) CHARTER CARRYING 252 KOREAN LABORERS FROM SEOUL TO DHAHRAN. FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE SEOUL SEPTEMBER 11, 0945Z AND ARRIVE IN DHAHRAN SEPTEMBER 12, 0130Z.
- 2. SAG AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED WORLD THAT IT WILL HAVE TO PAY FEE OF 15 PERCENT OF CONTRACT VALUE TO SAUDI AIR, APPARENTLY BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HAVE CERTIFICATE STATING THAT SAUDI AIR HAD BEEN OFFERED BUT HAD REFUSED THIS CHARTER CONTRACT.
- 3. RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL OF CHARTER CONTRACTS, WHICH NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE ADOPTED TO PROTECT THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL CARRIERS, DISTORTS MARKET AND INCREASES
TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO SHIPPERS AND FARES TO PASSENGERS.
IT IS SUBJECT TO FREQUENT ABUSE, WITH NATIONAL CARRIERS
REFUSING TO GIVE CERTIFICATE, DESPITE CLEAR INABILITY
TO MEET CONTRACT CHARTER TERMS, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE
PENALTY FEE OR PAYMENT IN SOME OTHER FORM FROM COMPETING
AIRLINE. THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH PLACE HIGH PRIORITY

ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAVE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT STAKE IN ENCOURAGING EFFICIENT, LOW-COST AIR TRANS-PORTATION. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT USG STRONGLY OPPOSES RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.

- 4. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT SAUDI AIR DOES NOT HAVE AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT THIS CHARTER FOR ARRIVAL IN JIDDA BY SEPTEMBER 12.
- 5. DRAWING ON ABOVE, EMBASSY SHOULD URGE SAUDI AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES TO EXEMPT WORLD FROM PAYMENT OF FEE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AHMED ABU HUSSEIN IN SAUDI DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION IS FAMILIAR WITH THIS CASE. VANCE

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